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Motorcycle Safety Tips

The Washington State Patrol investigated two very serious motorcycle collisions over the 4th of July weekend in the Spokane area. One motorcyclist rear ended a vehicle, and one pulled out in front of a vehicle.

This weekend's weather looks to be perfect to be out riding a motorcycle and with the increased number of motorcyclists on the road comes the potential of more motorcycle collisions.

When operating a motor vehicle and stopping at stop signs and checking traffic in both directions, the WSP recommends to look again before pulling out.

The WSP is recommending that motorcyclists be properly trained, always ride with a head light on, wear bright clothing and proper safety equipment, including a DOT certified helmet.

Motorcycle collision data shows that approximately 60% of motorcycle fatalities are single-vehicle incidents, with the most common causes being excessive speed, impaired driving and inability to stay in the lane of travel. Approximately 40% of the motorcyclists killed last year were found to be under the influence of alcohol, and 34% did not have motorcycle endorsements. Proper training is critical in the operation of a motorcycle.

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